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- English Translation of the IA filed on 02/17/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 02/17/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 02/17/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 02/17/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 02/17/2006
- Assignment filed on 02/17/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 02/17/2006
- Power of Attorney filed on 02/17/2006
- Non-English Language Application filed on 02/17/2006
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